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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
MUNITIONS BOARD
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

MB ORDER NO. 51-18

26 September 1950

SUBJECT: Current List of Strategic and Critical Materials for Stockpiling

1. Pursuant to Section 2 (a) of Public Law 520, 79th Congress, the following materials have been determined to be strategic and critical under the provisions of the Act.

2. The following materials will be acquired through purchases pursuant to Section 3 (a) and by transfer of Government-owned surpluses pursuant to Section 6 (a) of Public Law 520, 79th Congress, and constitute Group I:

Agar
Aluminum
Antimony
Asbestos
  Amosite
  Chrysotile
  Crocidolite
Bauxite
  Metal Grade
  Abrasive Grade
Beryl
Bismuth
Cadmium
Castor Oil
Celestite
Chromite
  Chemical Grade
  Metallurgical Grade
  Refractory Grade
Cobalt
Coconut Oil
Columbite
Copper
Cordage Fibers
  Manila
  Sisal
Corundum
Diamonds, Industrial
Emetine
Feathers and Down
Jewel Bearings
  Instrument Jewels, except Vee Jewels
  Sapphire and Ruby Vee Jewels
  Watch and Time-keeping Device Jewels
Kyanite
Lead
Manganese Ore
  Battery Grade
  Chemical Grade
  Metallurgical Grade
Molybdenum
Mercury
Mica
  Muscovite Block, Good Stained and Better
  Muscovite Film
  Muscovite Splittings
  Phlogopite Splittings
Monazite
Nickel
Opium
Palm Oil
Platinum Group Metals
  Iridium
  Platinum
Pyrethrum
Quartz Crystals
Quebracho
Quinidine
Quinine

51 materials
24 subgrades

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Graphite
  Amorphous Lump
  Crystalline Flake
    Crucible Grade
    Lubricant and Packing Grade
Hyoscine
Iodine
Rubber, Crude Natural
Sapphire and Ruby
Shellac
Silk
Sperm Oil
Talc, Steatite, Block
Tantalite
Tin
Tungsten
Vanadium
Zinc

3. The following materials will be acquired only through transfer of Government-owned surpluses pursuant to Section 6 (a) of Public Law 520, 79th Congress, and constitute Group II:

Cryolite, Natural
Diamond Dies
Fluorspar
  Acid Grade
  Metallurgical Grade
Graphite
  Crystalline Fines
Magnesium
Mica
  Muscovite Block, Stained & Lower
  Phlogopite Block
Optical Glass
Pepper
Platinum Group Metals
  Osmium
  Palladium
  Rhodium
  Ruthenium
Rutile
Selenium
Talc, Steatite, Ground
Zirconium Ores
  Baddeleyite
  Zircon

4. This order supersedes MB Order No. 51-6 dated 26 July 1950.

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